

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 24-80116-CR-CANNON/McCabe

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,

Defendant.

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**GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANT’S MOTIONS FOR “SUPPORT” (ECF NO. 228 AND ECF NO. 232)**

In these *pro se* pleadings, the Defendant makes several requests and complaints.

He first asks that the defense witnesses be “sealed.” We are unclear what he means. The Court has not yet set a deadline for disclosure of defense witnesses, although typically that disclosure would be made, openly, no later than the start of the defense case. To the extent he is seeking sealed testimony from his witnesses, the Government objects to sealing trial proceedings for that purpose.

He next asks to be provided certain discovery items and/or trial exhibits. As we told the Court at the pretrial conference on August 8, the Government will make available to the Defendant and standby counsel at calendar call on September 2 a hard copy set of marked trial exhibits. (The Defendant agreed that he would do the same for his proposed exhibits.) In the meantime, the Government’s exhibit list provided to the Defendant and standby counsel on July 28 identifies each item of prospective trial evidence by bates-number and/or description, so the Defendant (with the assistance as appropriate of standby counsel) may obtain these items himself.

Routh next says that he does not have all of the discovery. We assume he is referring to copies of discovery from his former counsel. The Government cannot speak to that issue, although we have no reason to doubt standby counsel's representations in Court that the discovery has been supplied.

Routh's remaining requests are not subjects that the prosecution can resolve. We take no position on any accommodations that the Court and the Bureau of Prisons find are appropriate and safe to ease the Defendant's trial preparation. The Court has properly required the Defendant to confirm on the record that he knows that his decision to go *pro se* at this late date means that his trial preparation may be impacted.

Finally, Routh's requests for payments to his proposed expert witnesses is not a topic we can address, beyond restating the objections we have made already elsewhere to trial testimony from these witnesses.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on August 15, 2025, I filed the foregoing response with the Clerk of Court using CM/ECF. I FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the response was mailed, via United States mail to *pro se* Defendant Ryan Wesley Routh at the address below.

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